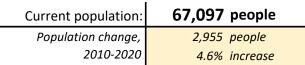
### **COUNTY PROFILE**

# Rice Co.

Rice Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 10, which is located in the Southeast Planning Region.

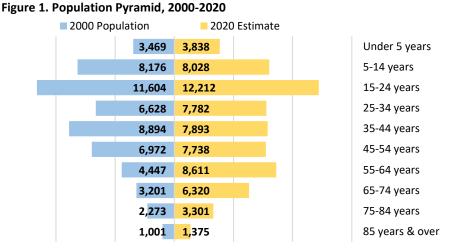
## **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

Rice Co.'s population increased this decade, ranking as the 24th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 14th largest in the state. Rice Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).



Median Age: **37.1** years state: 38.3 years

Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2020 Number **Percent** Under 5 years 3,838 5.7% 8.028 12.0% 5-14 years 12,212 18.2% 15-24 years 25-34 years 7.782 11.6% 11.8% 35-44 years 7,893 45-54 years 7,738 11.5% 55-64 years 8,611 12.8% 65-74 years 6,320 9.4% 4.9% 75-84 years 3,301 85 years & over 1,375 2.0% **Total Population** 67,097 100.0% Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates



Rice Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Rice Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019								
	Total		April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
	Population	Natural	Vital Events		Vital Events Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Rice Co.	2,829	2,328	6,784	4,456	517	1,625	-1,108	
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Rice Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Rice Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Rice Co.		Change 2	010-2019	Minnesota		
Population, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	5,137	7.8%	1,309	34.2%	8.5%	28.9%	
Europe	262	5.1%	-96	-26.8%	9.9%	4.5%	
Asia	1,013	19.7%	215	26.9%	37.5%	30.3%	
Africa	1,952	38.0%	1,489	321.6%	25.5%	72.0%	
Oceania	5	0.1%	0	0.0%	0.5%	37.2%	
Americas:	1,905	37.1%	-299	-13.6%	26.6%	10.0%	
Latin America	1,867	36.3%	-245	-11.6%	24.1%	12.2%	
Northern America	38	0.7%	-54	-58.7%	2.5%	-7.7%	

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2019

Europe
Asia
Africa
Oceania
Latin America

Northern America

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Rice Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019



Black or African American



Some Other Race



		Rice Co.	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
Total	66,185	100.0%	16.8%	100.0%	13.1%
White	56,681	85.6%	6.9%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	3,765	5.7%	408.1%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	265	0.4%	8.6%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,467	2.2%	72.6%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	2,404	3.6%	126.8%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	1,603	2.4%	117.2%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	5,380	8.1%	72.6%	5.4%	108.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

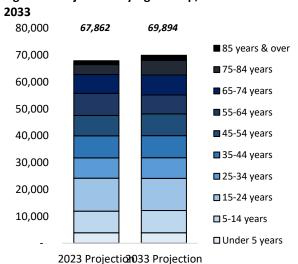
### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Rice Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

85.6%

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033							
	2023	2033	Numeric	Percent			
Rice Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change			
Under 5 years	3,921	3,904	-17	-0.4%			
5-14 years	8,042	8,286	244	3.0%			
15-24 years	12,231	11,969	-262	-2.1%			
25-34 years	7,566	7,655	89	1.2%			
35-44 years	8,216	8,233	17	0.2%			
45-54 years	7,533	8,063	530	7.0%			
55-64 years	8,250	7,007	-1,243	-15.1%			
65-74 years	6,977	7,456	479	6.9%			
75-84 years	3,705	5,479	1,774	47.9%			
85 years & over	1,421	1,842	421	29.6%			
Total Population	67,862	69,894	2,032	3.0%			

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

62.5%

67.1%

8.4%

### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

Rice Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Rice Co. also has a lower percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

91.4%

state:

8% 9% 16% 29% 10% 28%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019

☐ Less than high school

☐ High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

■ Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

■ Bachelor's degree

■ Advanced degree

Associate's Degree: 10.1% Bachelor's Degree: 15.6%

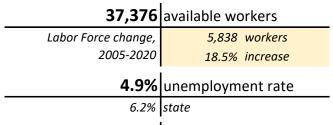
College-educated:

Advanced Degree:

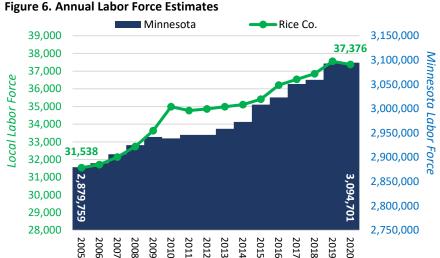
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

### LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.9%, Rice Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Rice Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 3.2% in 2019, but was lower than the 7.8% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Rice Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.



**1,831** unemployed workers



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

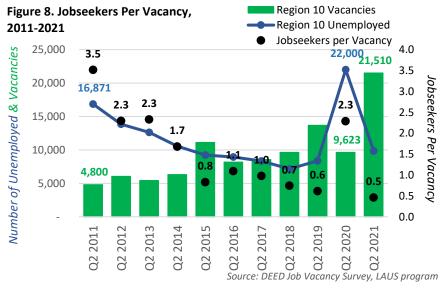
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 427.5 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Rice Co. averaged an annual gain of 336.9 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of 239.1 new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Rice Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2020 3,500 Average of 428 Average of 337 Average of 239 3,000 new workers per year new workers per year new workers per year Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 2,500 2,000 1.500 1,000 500 0 -500 -1,000 -1,500 2018-201% 2012-2014 2011-20173 2010-20111 2009-2010 2008-2008 1990-1991 2000-2001 2005-2006 2013-201 2016-201 1991-1992 1992-1993 1993-199 2003-2004 2004-2005 2006-2007 2014-201 2015-201 2019-2020 1994-1995 1995-1996 1996-1997 1997-1998 1998-1999 1999-2000 2002-2003 2007-2008

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2023-2033	2023	2033		
16 to 24 years	8,064	7,878		
25 to 54 years	19,225	19,777		
55 to 64 years	5,979	5,078		
65 years & over	2,011	2,272		
Total Labor Force	35,279	35,006		

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Southeast reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).



## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

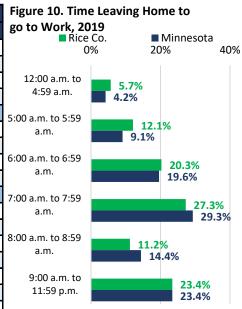
Rice Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Rice Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2	019						
		Rice Co.		Minne	esota	Rice	Co.
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	35,523	66.6%	3.8%	69.7%	3.6%	18,701	16,797
16 to 19 years	2,881	60.4%	9.4%	53.2%	11.0%	1,265	1,617
20 to 24 years	5,479	81.6%	2.4%	84.6%	6.0%	2,685	2,793
25 to 44 years	12,097	79.7%	3.4%	88.8%	3.2%	6,607	5,496
45 to 54 years	7,302	88.2%	4.1%	87.6%	2.7%	3,860	3,443
55 to 64 years	6,068	72.5%	3.5%	73.0%	2.8%	3,242	2,827
65 to 74 years	1,377	23.9%	2.4%	27.9%	2.2%	899	478
75 years & over	286	6.7%	0.0%	6.6%	2.4%	143	143
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. L	abor Force by
White alone	31,540	67.5%	3.4%	69.3%	3.0%	Race, 2019	)
Black or African American	1,304	50.7%	9.3%	71.3%	8.8%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	57	24.8%	8.8%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	918	71.6%	9.0%	71.2%	4.3%		
Some Other Race	1,137	67.3%	5.1%	77.7%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	556	66.4%	1.6%	73.6%	7.4%		N N
Hispanic or Latino	2,307	64.8%	4.5%	76.5%	6.1%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disabili</b>	ity						
With Any Disability	1,415	52.7%	5.4%	53.0%	8.6%		88.8
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educat</b>	ional Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	25,462	80.0%	3.6%	84.5%	3.0%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,595	59.4%	4.5%	66.3%	4.2%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	6,696	71.3%	2.4%	78.5%	2.6%		ın Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	9,297	84.8%	2.0%	85.3%	3.0%		Other Pac. Islander
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	7,881	89.7%	2.2%	90.0%	1.7%	Some O	ther Race

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

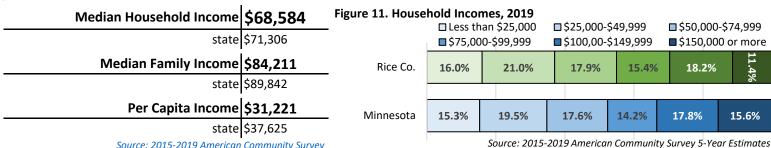
A larger percentage of workers in Rice Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Rice Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Rice Co.		Minnesota	
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	33,195	99.5%	2,837,697	97.6%
Worked in county of residence	21,919	65.7%	1,846,247	63.5%
Worked out of county of residence	11,276	33.8%	991,449	34.1%
Worked outside state of residence	167	0.5%	69,779	2.49
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	26,990	80.9%	2,506,244	86.29
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	100	0.3%	101,762	3.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	1,401	4.2%	125,021	4.3%
Worked at home	4,871	14.6%	171,541	5.99
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	7,840	23.5%	456,474	15.79
10 to 19 minutes	9,008	27.0%	872,243	30.09
20 to 29 minutes	5,805	17.4%	645,460	22.29
30 to 44 minutes	5,371	16.1%	575,680	19.89
45 to 59 minutes	2,869	8.6%	194,801	6.79
60 or more minutes	2,435	7.3%	162,819	5.69
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.5	minutes	23.7	minutes



# **INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Rice Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Rice Co. had the 14th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Rice Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$15.44 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.2 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts		
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Rice Co.	\$32,120	\$15.44	\$0	\$347	\$163	\$697	\$807	\$286	\$377
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts		
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Ciliu Care	roou	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes
Rice Co.	\$53,671	\$17.20	\$316	\$793	\$519	\$935	\$946	\$473	\$491
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Rice Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 14th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Rice Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Rice C	Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2019	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	17,018	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	976	5.7%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	815	4.8%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,654	15.6%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,653	21.5%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	4,502	26.5%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	3,565	20.9%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	853	5.0%	7.9%
Median (dollars)	\$208,6	500	\$223,900

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

0% 20% 30% 10% Rice Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 18.3% 2000 to 2009 14.1% 24.2% 1980 to 1999 26.3% 22.2% 1960 to 1979 24.4% 12.1% 1940 to 1959 14.3% 19.2% 1939 or earlier 16.2%

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2019

15.3%

40.6%

mortgage

23.0%

14.2%

rent

.5%12.9%

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage state \$1,580

their income on housing costs

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of

Median monthly rent costs \$843

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state 4<u>5.1</u>%

Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9%

20.0%

20% to 24.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

44.9%

■ 35% or more

7.1%

12.6%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

## **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$21.13 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 10 than the state. Overall, Region 10 had the 3rd highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$44.47) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.72) (see Table 11).

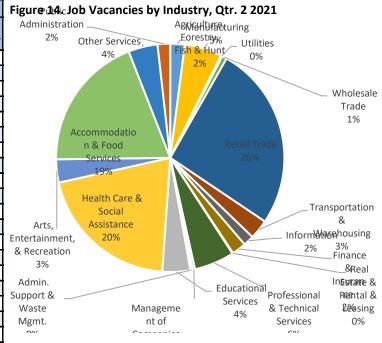
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2021								
	Region 10				State of Minnesota			
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	
Total, All Occupations	\$21.13	231,950	100.0%	1.0	\$23.00	2,708,760	100.0%	
Management	\$44.47	10,040	4.3%	0.7	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.11	9,040	3.9%	0.6	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%	
Computer & Mathematical	\$42.07	4,370	1.9%	0.5	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$35.77	2,590	1.1%	0.6	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$32.57	1,360	0.6%	0.6	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%	
Community & Social Service	\$25.05	4,230	1.8%	0.9	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%	
Legal	\$32.89	840	0.4%	0.5	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$24.41	13,240	5.7%	1.0	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$21.50	2,060	0.9%	0.7	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$36.88	33,220	14.3%	2.1	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%	
Healthcare Support	\$16.22	15,580	6.7%	1.2	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%	
Protective Service	\$23.99	3,250	1.4%	0.9	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.72	17,370	7.5%	1.0	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$15.11	7,320	3.2%	1.1	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%	
Personal Care & Service	\$14.39	4,440	1.9%	1.0	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%	
Sales & Related	\$15.31	20,270	8.7%	0.9	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$19.02	24,450	10.5%	0.8	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$17.88	370	0.2%	1.0	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%	
Construction & Extraction	\$27.22	8,730	3.8%	1.0	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$23.34	8,370	3.6%	1.0	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%	
Production	\$19.15	23,850	10.3%	1.4	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$18.44	16,980	7.3%	0.9	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%	

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

## **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Rice Co. is a part of the Southeast planning region. There were 21510 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021							
	Number of						
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer					
Total, All Occupations	21,510	\$16.01					
Management	842	\$27.78					
Business & Financial Operations	775	\$31.14					
Computer & Mathematical	132	\$27.72					
Architecture & Engineering	71	\$26.48					
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	192	\$22.16					
Community & Social Service	123						
Education, Training & Library	760						
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,232	\$23.27					
Healthcare Support	982	\$13.76					
Protective Service	158						
Food Preparation & Serving Related	3,795	\$13.11					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	607	\$15.10					
Personal Care & Service	896	\$14.92					
Sales & Related	2,423	\$14.00					
Office & Administrative Support	679	\$16.84					
Construction & Extraction	2,699						
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	1,012						
Production	761						
Transportation & Material Moving	2,686	\$15.73					



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

Rice Co. **COUNTY PROFILE** 

# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Southeast Occupations in Demand, 2020						
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Pharmacists			
\$28,180	\$34,626	\$76,167	\$144,197			
Retail Salespersons	Emergency Medical Technicians and	Veterinary Technologists and	Physicians, All Other; and			
·	Paramedics	Technicians	Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric NA			
\$26,360	\$39,334	\$35,768	INA			
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	Surgical Technologists	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term			
\$45,900	\$48,401	\$59,643	\$39,037			
Canatauratian Labarrana	Automotive Service Technicians and	Computer Network Support	Nurse Practitioners			
Construction Laborers	Mechanics	Specialists	Nurse Practitioners			
\$46,802	\$42,494	\$62,932	\$124,871			
Janitors and Cleaners,	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and	Civil Engineering Technologists	Market Research Analysts and			
Except Maids and	Cosmetologists	and Technicians	Marketing Specialists			
\$30,833	\$26,439	\$65,812	\$52,769			
Secretaries and	Medical Assistants	Web Developers and Digital	Software Developers and Software			
Administrative Assistants,		Interface Designers	Quality Assurance Analysts and			
\$36,994	\$43,323	\$57,164	\$99,331			
Stockers and Order Fillers	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service	Agricultural and Food Science	Clinical, Counseling, and School			
	Technicians	Technicians	Psychologists			
\$30,903	\$46,627	\$40,741	\$81,964			
Operating Engineers and	Electricians	Calibration Technologists and	Pediatricians, General			
Other Construction	450.040	Technicians and Engineering				
\$59,556	\$62,918	\$55,848	\$208,174			
Graders and Sorters,	Health Information Technologists, Medical	Medical Equipment Repairers	Rehabilitation Counselors			
Agricultural Products \$29,190	Registrars, Surgical Assistants, and \$91,349	\$67,813	\$41,342			
First-Line Supervisors of	Outdoor Power Equipment and Other	Electro-Mechanical and	Education Administrators,			
Retail Sales Workers	Small Engine Mechanics	Mechatronics Technologists and	Kindergarten through Secondary			
\$41,483	\$34,413	\$56,901	\$97,625			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Rice Co. is a part of the Southeast planning region, which is projected to see a 4.6% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028						
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employ-	Percent Change			
Southeast Planning Region	2018	ment 2028	•			
Total, All Industries	273,458	285,010	4.2%			
Natural Resources & Mining	3,253	3,457	6.3%			
Utilities	1,204	1,147	-4.7%			
Construction	9,146	10,359	13.3%			
Manufacturing	38,571	38,221	-0.9%			
Wholesale Trade	7,274	7,451	2.4%			
Retail Trade	26,683	26,685	0.0%			
Transportation & Warehousing	7,905	8,578	8.5%			
Information	3,484	3,352	-3.8%			
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,657	7,664	0.1%			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	6,816	7,069	3.7%			
Administrative & Waste Services	8,526	9,229	8.2%			
Educational Services	20,851	21,190	1.6%			
Health Care & Social Assistance	64,634	72,782	12.6%			
Leisure & Hospitality	23,658	24,140	2.0%			
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	9,197	9,073	-1.3%			
Public Administration	14,438	14,635	1.4%			

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

Employment Projections, 2018-2028								
ı	■ From employment growth -5.000			From ex				
ı	-5,0	JUU	5,0	100	15,0	JUU		
ı	Management	370	7,22	29				
	Business & Financial	429	<b>2</b> ,39	97				
	Computer & Mathematical	122	739					
ı	Architecture & Engineering	169	897					
1	Life, Physical, & Social	113	284					
1	Community & Social Service	497	2,16	59				
1	Legal	17	270					
	Education, Training, & Library	503	6,36	55				
1	Arts, Design, Entertainment	-50	1,53	5				
	Healthcare Practitioners &	3,7	25	8,539				
ı	Healthcare Support	1,013	5,6	36				
	Protective Service	-31	<b>1,43</b>	3				
1	Food Preparation & Serving	1,198	15,	,059				
1	Building, Grounds Cleaning	527	5,76	50				
1	Personal Care & Service	1,527	9,8	335				
1	Sales & Related		7 13,2	30				
	Office & Administrative	-814	16,1	31				
	Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	79	806					
	Construction & Extraction	1,032	3,4	47				
ı	Installation, Maintenance,	458	3,21	10				
1	Production	-349	10,1	28				
	Transportation & Material	790	7,6	56				
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## **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Rice Co. had the 15th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Rice Co. was the 44th fastest growing in the past year and the 10th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Rice Co. added jobs, outpacing the state.

1,641 business establishments \$51,382 annual average wage
24,169 jobs \$1,241,862,531 total industry payroll

Job change, 2015-2020 2.1% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020

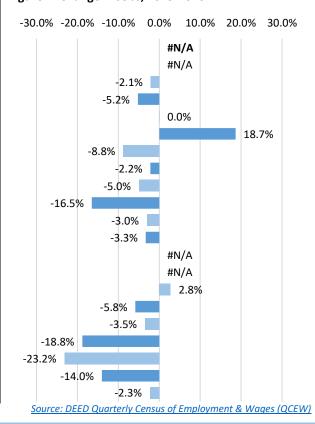


2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Rice Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Statistics, 2020	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	24,169	100.0%	\$51,382
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	589	2.4%	\$45,572
Mining	47	0.2%	\$62,312
Construction	1,085	4.5%	\$61,601
Manufacturing	4,942	20.4%	\$71,153
Utilities	53	0.2%	\$98,099
Wholesale Trade	1,078	4.5%	\$68,669
Retail Trade	2,670	11.0%	\$29,256
Transportation & Warehousing	972	4.0%	\$35,554
Information	213	0.9%	\$45,784
Finance & Insurance	415	1.7%	\$80,420
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	117	0.5%	\$43,315
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	625	2.6%	\$35,845
Educational Services	3,661	15.1%	\$59,453
Health Care & Social Assistance	3,093	12.8%	\$40,754
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	190	0.8%	\$18,356
Accommodation & Food Services	1,657	6.9%	\$17,379
Other Services	693	2.9%	\$29,131
Public Administration	1,660	6.9%	\$60,573

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



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